

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
HOMMA, ET AL.

Art Unit: 1615  
Examiner: Levy, Neil

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FOR: METHOD FOR INHIBITING DIFFERENTIATION AND  
FORMATION OF CONIFEROPHYTA MALE FLOWER BY  
TREATMENT WITH PROHEXADIONE COMPOUNDS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The Office Action of June 5, 2007, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 5, 2007. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), such that a response to the Office Action is timely if filed by Friday, October 05, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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